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From: State Director, Colorado

Subject: Solid Leasable Minerals Delegations of Authority

Coal (43 CFR 3400) and non-coal (43 CFR 3500) program delegations of authority have been reviewed by the Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection, Washington, D.C. to determine if actions delegated only to the State Director may be redelegated to other levels in the organization. WO IM-98-169 removes restrictions placed on State Directors to redelegate certain actions in the solid leasables programs.

In addition, the delegations of authority within Colorado BLM have been reviewed by the State Director to determine if any actions may be redelegated to a lower organizational level. The following chart summarizes the revised solid leasable minerals redelegations and are effective immediately.

Subject Function Code	Activity	Old Delegation of Authority	New Delegation of Authority
43 CFR 3400	Approve pre-lease maximum economic recovery (MER).	State Director/Associate State Director	Solid Minerals Group Leader
43 CFR 3400	Recommend prospecting stipulations to BIA on Indian lands.	District Manager/ Associate District Manager	Field Office Manager

43 CFR 3400	Approve preliminary tract delineation.	Deputy State Director, Resource Services	Solid Minerals Group Leader
43 CFR 3420	Conduct/Approve final consultation with Indian Tribes and other agencies on proposed coal lease schedules.	Deputy State Director, Resource Services	Solid Minerals Group Leader
43 CFR 3425	Approve lease sales under emergency criteria.	State Director/Associate State Director	Solid Minerals Group Leader
43 CFR 3425	Approve coal lease sales outside of coal production regions.	State Director/Associate State Director	Solid Minerals Group Leader
43 CFR 3425	Approve hardship lease sales.	State Director/Associate State Director	Solid Minerals Group Leader
43 CFR 3427	Act on split estate surface owner appeals.	State Director/Associate State Director	Solid Minerals Group Leader
43 CFR 3430	Determine Initial/Final showings	Deputy State Director, Resource Services	Solid Minerals Group Leader
43 CFR 3431	Approve negotiated sales-ROWs.	Deputy State Director, Resource Services	Solid Minerals Group Leader
43 CFR 3436	Approve Alluvial Valley Floor and coal lease exchanges.	State Director/Associate State Director	Deputy State Director, Resource Services
43 CFR 3440	Approve license to mine coal.	State Director/Associate State Director	Solid Minerals Group Leader
43 CFR 3451	Approve coal lease readjustment.	State Director, may be redelegated	Deputy State Director, Resource Services
43 CFR 3452	Cancel, terminate, or accept coal lease relinquishment.	State Director, may be redelegated	Solid Minerals Group Leader
43 CFR 3453	Approve coal lease transfers.	State Director, may be redelegated	Solid Minerals Group Leader
43 CFR 3461	Respond to OSM on declaring lands unsuitable for mining.	State Director/Associate State Director	Deputy State Director, Resource Services

43 CFR 3475	Determine diligent development and continued operations requirements, and advance royalty payments.	District Manager/ Associate District Manager	Field Office Manager
43 CFR 3482	Approve Resource Recovery and Protection Plans, and modifications on Federal land.	District Manager/ Associate District Manager	Field Office Manager
43 CFR 3483	Approve advance royalty payments.	District Manager/ Associate District Manager	Field Office Manager
43 CFR 3483.2	Terminate leases or initiate cancellation of leases.	State Director, may be redelegated	Solid Minerals Group Leader
43 CFR 3483.3	Approve suspensions.	State Director, may be redelegated	Deputy State Director, Resource Services
43 CFR 3484	Approve temporary/final abandonment for mine deposit.	District Manager/ Associate District Manager	Field Office Manager
43 CFR 3485.2	Approve waiver, suspension or reduction of rental or royalty on producing leases.	State Director, may be redelegated	Deputy State Director, Resource Services
43 CFR 3487.1	Approve Logical Mining Units and Logical Mining Units modifications.	State Director, may be redelegated	Deputy State Director, Resource Services
43 CFR 3500	Approve exploration/ mining plans and modifications on Indian lands.	District Manager/ Associate District Manager	Field Office Manager
43 CFR 3503	Determine production subject to royalty.	District Manager/ Associate District Manager	Field Office Manager

43 CFR 3503.2	Approve applications for waiver, suspensions, or reduction of rental or minimum royalty or reduction of royalty.	State Director, may be redelegated	Deputy State Director, Resource Services
43 CFR 3503.3	Approve applications for suspensions of operations.	State Director, may be redelegated	Deputy State Director, Resource Services
43 CFR 3590	Determine adequacy of air/water management and pollution control.	District Manager/ Associate District Manager	Field Office Manager
43 CFR 3594	Approve mining methods that will achieve ultimate maximum recovery.	District Manager/ Associate District Manager	Field Office Manager
43 CFR 3595, 3596	Approve methods of abandonment & waster disposal.	District Manager/ Associate District Manager	Field Office Manager
43 CFR 3597	Authorize production verification.	District Manager/ Associate District Manager	Field Office Manager

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